

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, the Examiner has objected to Claim 11 as having an antecedent issue. Further, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 8-16, 20-24, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bartscher, et al., and has rejected Claims 5, 18, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Bartscher, et al. in view of Isaka. However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that Claims 6, 7, 17, and 19 are drawn to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, Claims 1, 7, 9, and 11 have been amended to more particularly point out that which the Applicants regard as the invention by including the indicated allowable subject matter of Claims 6 and 17 respectively in independent Claims 1 and 9. Claims 6 and 17, along with Claims 2-4, 8, and 21-26 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 1 and 9, and Claims 5 and 7, and Claims 10-16 and 18-20 respectively dependent thereon, which are the claims remaining in this Application, patentably distinguish over the cited prior art and are now allowable.

Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

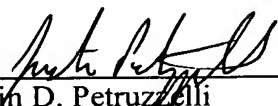
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

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